

Listing of the Claims

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all previous lists of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for synchronizing data between at least two service portals, each hosting at least one personal information manager (PIM) service and acting as a PIM server, each of said portals being accessible by way [[means]] of remote access terminals acting as PIM clients, the system comprising:

first data synchronization means adapted to establish a correspondence between the data stored in the portals, wherein the first synchronization means includes a synchronization client-server architecture,

the synchronization client of said architecture comprising a synchronization client module, hosted in a first of said service portals and communicating with a first server implementing the personal information manager service of said first service portal, and

the synchronization server of said architecture comprising a synchronization server module, hosted within at least a second of said service portals and communicating with a second server hosting a personal information manager service of said second service portal, said modules communicating via a computer network.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a second means for synchronizing data between the portals and at least a portion of said terminals.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second synchronization means includes a client-server architecture, the client and the server of said architecture of the second synchronization means respectively comprising a client module

hosted within each of the terminals and a synchronization module hosted within the portal, said client and synchronization modules communicating via a computer network.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first synchronization means comprises means for exchanging data according to a standardized data synchronization language using content description markers.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second synchronization means comprises means for exchanging data according to a standardized data synchronization language using content description markers.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the personal information handled by the synchronization system comprises data presented according to a “vCard” format.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the personal information handled by the synchronization system comprises data presented according to a “vCalendar” format.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An access platform of a first service portal hosting at least a first personal information manager (PIM) service and acting as a PIM server, the access platform comprising:

a set of at least a first server providing access to said platform information manager service, said server being accessible to remote access terminals acting as PIM clients and associated with storage [[means]] in which personal information is loaded, and a synchronization system between said first service portal and at least a second service portal, accessible by way [[means]] of the remote access terminals and hosting at least a second personal information manager service, wherein the synchronization system comprises first data synchronization means adapted to establish a correspondence between data stored in at least the first and second service portals,

wherein the first synchronization means includes a synchronization client-server architecture, [[the]] a synchronization client and a synchronization [[the]] server of said architecture respectively comprising a client module hosted in the first service portal and communicating with the first server of said set, and a synchronization server module hosted within at least the second service portal and communicating with a second server hosting a personal information manager service of said second service portal, said modules communicating via a computer network.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The platform as claimed in claim 8, further comprising means to generate a man-machine interface on displays of the terminals, adapted to initiate generation and transmission of synchronization commands intended for the synchronization system.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method of synchronizing data between at least a first and a second service portal, each hosting at least one personal information manager (PIM) service acting as a PIM server, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a synchronization command using a man-machine interface supplied by a synchronization client of a synchronization client-server architecture hosted in the first of said service portals , said command conveying information relating to the data to be synchronized; and

implementing the synchronization of data between said service portals using a synchronization server of said synchronization client-server architecture hosted in at least said second service portal and indicated in the synchronization command.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the clients and the server communicate via a computer network according to a data synchronization language using content description markers (XML).

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the data to be synchronized are presented according to at least one of the “vCard” and “vCalendar” formats,

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and wherein two-way conversion of the markers in “vCard” and “vCalendar” format is performed in the step of implementing the synchronization.